

Harvard Puts 73 on Probation in Student Protest

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Seventy-three students at Harvard College were placed on probation today for taking part in the "forcible obstruction" of a job recruiter last week.

The action, adopted by an overwhelming margin by the faculty of arts and sciences, also included "admonishing" 171 others for "misuse" of their college identification cards. The case of one student resulted in no action.

The punishment had been recommended by the administrative board, made up of senior tutors, deans and several senior faculty members. The board discussed the situation yesterday.

Seventy of the students were placed on probation until June 1, 1968, "for contributing to the forcible obstruction of a visitor. Three others were placed on probation until Feb. 1 for being present at the incident.

The punishments were disclosed at a news conference called by the Harvard administration a few moments after the faculty had voted at Sanders Theater, a university hall.

Dr. Nathan M. Pusey, president; Prof. Franklin L. Ford, dean of the faculty, and Fred Glimp, dean of the college, held the news conference. They all asserted that the move to punish the students was based on the use of physical force. They said that students were free to demonstrate otherwise.

Text of Statement

Dr. Pusey read the following official statement:

"There have been a number of attempts to misrepresent the issues here as being concerned with the use of napalm or the war in Vietnam.

"No one in an official connection with the university has ever suggested that students should not have freedom to demonstrate in an orderly fashion or otherwise to express their views on these or other

matters of concern to them. Indeed they have been encouraged to do so.

"Objections arise only when they become so carried away by their conviction about the rightness of their cause and so impatient with civilized procedures that they seek to restrain the freedom of expression or movement of others who may not agree with them.

"This kind of conduct is simply unacceptable not only in a community devoted to intellectual endeavor, but, I would assume, in any decent democratic society."

Dean Ford said: "This would be the worst time to say what we would do if there were a recurrence."

The student demonstration had been aimed at a recruiter for the Dow Chemical Company.

Dow recruiters have also been confronted by anti-Vietnam demonstrators on other campuses because the company manufactures napalm.

Action against eight students at Radcliffe College, the women's adjunct of Harvard University, was postponed until

Friday by the judicial board. The board includes students, deans and Mrs. Mary I. Bunting, president of Radcliffe. The women students were among those whose names were taken during the Dow demonstration.

In Providence, R. I., Howard Curtis, secretary of Brown University, said that disciplinary procedures would be taken "immediately" against 12 students who staged a demonstration this morning against a recruiter from the Central Intelligence Agency.

Michael J. Brennan, dean of graduate students at Brown, accompanied James W. Gurll Jr., the intelligence agency recruiter, to the placement office on the campus. There about 20 demonstrators blocked the entrance. They read a statement criticizing the agency.

As a result of that demonstration, the agency canceled a scheduled visit to the Harvard Yard this coming Thursday to interview students for jobs. The interviews are now scheduled to be conducted at the Kennedy Federal Building here.